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REPORT

SUBJECT

1. Sightings of Naval Vessels and Aircraft in the Barents and White Seas
2. Information on the Ports of Onega and Arkhangelsk

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Att. No. 1: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of

[redacted] a RIGA-class escort at approximately N 69-20, E 36-25, [redacted] In Arkhangelsk [redacted] observed about fourteen naval vessels of the T-301 class [redacted] many two-engined propeller aircraft at the civilian airfield near Kegostrov, and many jet aircraft constantly landing, on a southerly course, and taking off in an easterly direction, in an area south-southwest of Arkhangelsk [no further description].

Att. No. 2: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of a naval vessel at 50X1-HUM

[redacted] position approximately N 65-30, E 39-30. [redacted] was on a northerly course making about fifteen knots. The vessel was about 100 feet long; she had a bridge with a platform on the forward side, a single mast in the middle of the bridge, a break at the after end of the bridge, a deckhouse half the length of the afterdeck, and no guns. She was painted gray and flew a naval flag.

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[redacted] At Sawmill No. 9-10, the depth of water at the pier was 22 feet. The pier itself had been improved and extended to the west 300 or 400 feet. There were no cranes.

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Att. No. 3: A one-paragraph report, plus an extremely rough sketch of a naval vessel sighted [redacted] just outside of Cape Orlov (approximately N 67-13, E 41-17). The vessel was on a southerly course. She is described as having two single masts, one forward and one aft, with antenna equipment at the top, and a third, high, grid-mast just aft of the single stack.¹ 50X1-HUM

Att. No. 4: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of one large and two small naval vessels and one submarine, on a southwesterly course in line ahead, outside Kolskiy Zaliv /no further description/. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Att. No. 5: A two-paragraph report mentioning the [redacted] sighting of one destroyer, 14 MTBs, and a corvette-type vessel, outside Bukhta Tsyp-Navolok /approximately, N 69-43, E 33-07/. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The vessels were in line ahead on an easterly course making sixteen to eighteen knots, the destroyer and the MTBs first with about two cable-lengths between each vessel. The corvette was about one nautical mile to the rear.² 50X1-HUM

Att. No. 6: A one-page report on Omega harbor. [redacted] At the pier [redacted] there were seven ships each approximately 230 feet long. The wharf was in good condition and was being improved. There were no cranes. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

1. [redacted] Comment: This might possibly be a T-43-class radar picket ship with two KNIFE REST radars.

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had one gun on the forecastle, a bridge, a top-mast and one smokestack.

[redacted] picked out the T-301 class [redacted] similar to the
vessels, [redacted] 50X1-HUM

In the same area, four vessels estimated to be about 800 tons each were also
observed. [redacted] described the ships as small destroyers, [redacted]

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2. AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY:

[redacted] could see [redacted]

Kyego [redacted]

[redacted] just across from Mosyev Island. A varying number of aircraft

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were observed on the airfield. The traffic was not great and [redacted]

[redacted] the field was only used for civilian air-routes. On one occasion,
fourteen planes were observed on the field simultaneously. [redacted]

[redacted] they were two-engined propeller airplanes.

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The landscape southwest of Archangel was [redacted], low
and covered by forests. In a south-southwestern direction from the city, a long
way in over the mainland, jet-planes were constantly observed landing and taking
off. [redacted] most of the planes that landed went
down on a southerly course, while those that took off went up in an easterly
direction. [redacted]

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[redacted] they were jet-planes
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west [redacted] was sighted in an approximate position .

N 69°20' - E 36°25'.

Description: The vessel was flush-decked with two single guns in shields forward, then came the bridge, the mast, an angled smokestack, one gun in a shield aft. The estimated size of the ship, [redacted] identified as a destroyer, was about 1600 to 1700 tons. [redacted] the RIGA class [redacted] 50X1-HUM

A vessel of the same type was seen some hours later. This vessel sailed far north [redacted] on a steady westerly course. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] a number of smaller naval vessels were seen in Archangel, tied up at the piers on the west side of the city just across from Kege Island.

Description: About fourteen vessels were similar, on most counts, and were assumed [redacted] to be mine-sweepers of about 200 tons. The 50X1-HUM break in the forecastle was approximately midships, and most of the vessels

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1. NAVA^T a surface vessel was observed in a 50X1-HUM
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position N 65°30' - E 39°30'. The vessel was on a northerly course at a speed
of about fifteen knots.

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Description: The [] length of the vessel about
100 feet, a bridge with a platform or gradation on the forward side, a single
mast in the middle of the gridge, break from the forecastle just on the stern
edge of the bridge. From the bridge aft was a deckhouse about half the length
of the after deck. The vessel flew a naval flag, carried no guns and was
painted gray.

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2. The HARBOR: At Sawmill No. 9-10, the pier had been improved and extended in
a westerly direction by about 300 to 400 feet. The depth next to the pier
was about 22 feet. There were no cranes.

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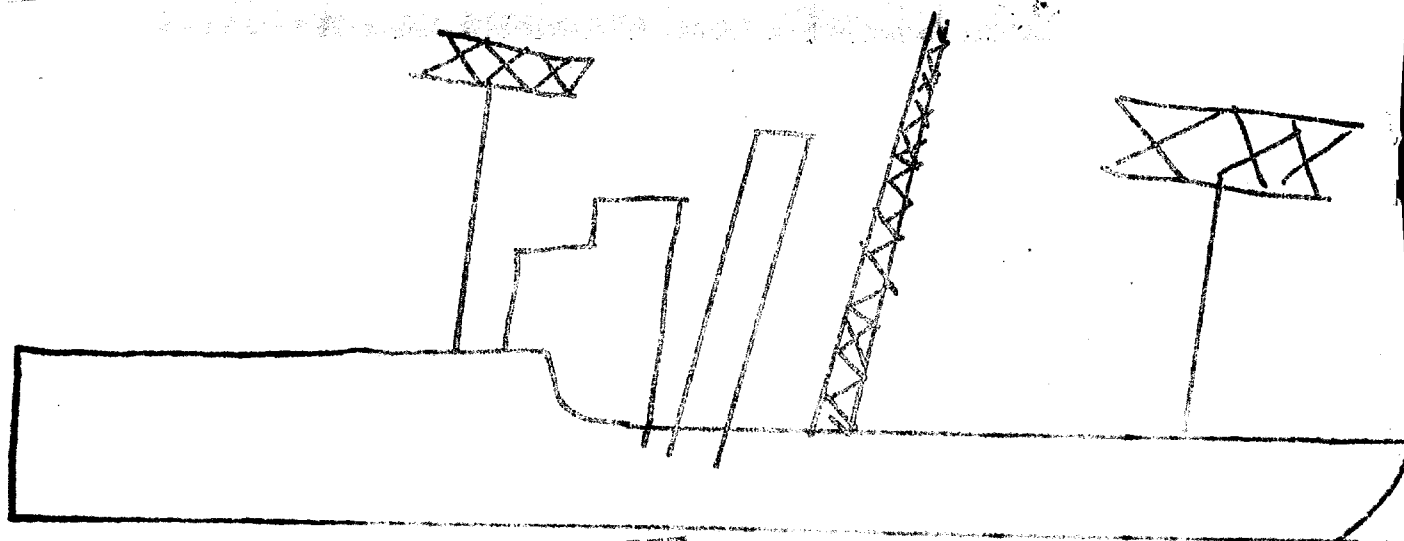
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position just outside of Cape Orlov. The vessel was on a southerly course.

Description: The vessel had a long forecastle with no visible guns and on the forecastle was a single mast with antenna equipment at the top; the bridge was approximately midships, the break to the main deck was at the bridge, one smokestack and just aft of the smokestack was a high grid-mast; aft of this was a mast like the mast on the forecastle (see sketch).

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were observed outside of Tsip Navolok on an easterly course, at a speed of 50X1-HUM
about sixteen to eighteen knots. The ships were in line ahead; the destroyer
and the MTB's were first, with about two cable-lengths between each vessel, 50X1-HUM
and the corvette was about one nautical mile to the rear.

The destroyer [redacted] had two smokestacks and
a forecastle. [redacted]

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1. THE HARBOR. [REDACTED] ships of approximately the
same size [REDACTED] (230 feet). Improvement of the wharf is
still in progress, and the wharf is in good condition. There were no [REDACTED]

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one submarine were observed at a position outside of the Kola Fjord. The
vessels followed a southwesterly course in line ahead.

the largest of the

ships had two smokestacks, one mast aft of the bridge-structure, and one
forward of the after smokestack.

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